

TULSA PLANS FIRST PAVED ROAD IN STATE

County Commissioners Call for Bids on Construction of Highway.

ESTIMATE COST TO BE \$35,000

Creek County Will Build to Meet It; Won't Cross Tracks.

TULSA county will build the first hard-surfaced road in the state of Oklahoma. This was determined yesterday when the county commissioners, in special session, called for bids for the construction of a 20-foot hard-surfaced roadway from the city of Tulsa limits to the county limits on the road to Sapulpa. The total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$35,000 to \$40,000.

The call for bids on the construction of this roadway, which will be six miles long from the western city limits to the county line, provides for the opening of bids at the regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners the first Monday in October.

An understanding has been reached among the county officials of Tulsa and Creek counties whereby Creek county will pick up the road at the Tulsa county line and complete the hard-surface construction to the limits of the city of Sapulpa. This will give an 11-mile road with a hard surface from the city limits of Tulsa to the city limits of Sapulpa.

The city of Tulsa will pick up this main artery road at the western end of the new bridge now nearing completion over the Arkansas river and drive from the bridge to the city limits in West Tulsa, where the county will begin work.

No Rail Crossing.

Under the plans for this road there will not be a single railroad crossing in its entire length as it is planned to have the roadway entirely along the east and south side of the main roadway. The right-of-way has already been procured and for a large part of the distance will follow the present dirt road where that road lays on the east and south side of the Frisco tracks.

The specifications in the call for bids provide for a 12-foot hard surface road, with a four-inch base of crushed rock mixed with topsoil. On each side of the main roadway will be a four-foot strip of chat or shale road making the entire road twenty feet wide, thus allowing three cars to pass in a pinch and two with ease. In good weather traffic will use one wheel on the four-foot strip on each side.

The state has already promised co-operation in the building of the road and as it is the first of its kind to be

MAYOR SIGNS BONDS FOR NEW CITY HALL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF CITY AFFIXES SIGNATURE TO ISSUE RECENTLY VOTED HERE.

Was First Official Act After He Returned from His Vacation of One Week.

Mayor John H. Simmons returned from a week's vacation yesterday to find the city in a state of affairs which affixes its signature to \$125,000 worth of bonds which were recently voted for the purchase and erection of a city hall site and building.

Mayor Simmons for the past week has been visiting his parents in Missouri, and although he admits that he has taken on the fastest job he ever encountered, that of mayor of the city of Tulsa, it was a relief to get back to the official rolltop and gravel chair of the city's chief executive.

"Just signing my name of \$125,000 worth of city hall bonds," said the mayor as he sat in his office about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. "It's a little after the usual working hours but when we get that new city hall we can forget that it took a half hour's extra work on September 18 to get it."

VILLA'S RAID WAS SURPRISE TO CHIHUAHUA

Government Soldiers Are Burying the Dead and Cleaning Wreckage.

BANDIT'S CAVALRY RODE INTO PALACE

Four Separate Attacks Launched, Each Led by a Body of Scouts.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, Sept. 18.—Forces of government soldiers have been detailed to bring order out of the chaos created by Villa's Hidalgo day attack upon the state capital. Several hundred bodies, those of men and animals, have been removed from the streets and buried outside the city. Buildings which suffered from gunfire and machine dynamite. Tramway tracks which had been torn up are being repaired and scores of workmen are engaged in restoring the city's telephone and telegraph communication.

Eighty prisoners taken in the engagement have been executed. Those included, however, is developed chief of staff, and Mariano Tamez, who as a colonel in Juarez recently attempted unsuccessfully to induce the garrison there to revolt.

The federal and municipal palaces suffered most heavily in the engagement for the huge trees in the plaza Hidalgo, being literally stripped of their limbs by the steady stream of lead poured through them. The bandits rode their horses inside the palace and tore from their hangings costly tapestries, paintings and mirrors. Furniture was broken into splinters and doors pulled from their hinges. Pockets of money and valuables lay about on blood-soaked carpets.

Rumors Unbelieved.

Although numerous rumors were current here last week that the city was to be attacked, the report was not generally credited. After the movement, however, it developed that throughout the night before Villa's men had been concealed about the outskirts of the town listening to the merriment of the Independence day celebration and awaiting the signal to attack.

Four separate attacks were launched at the town after its residents had retired for the night. In a desperate rain and darkness the bandits rode from their hiding places and closed in on the Carranza sentries answering the challenges with cries of "viva Carranza." They overpowered the guard, but General Trevino quickly rallied his troops and concentrated the infantry and cavalry about the palaces while the artillery took station on the hills overlooking the city.

One of the forces of the bandits made for the penitentiary where the release of prisoners was effected by distracting the attention of the guard in a fierce attack upon an adjacent quarter. Another force attempted to seize the recently arrived artillery, a third made for the palace apparently in an attempt to seize ammunition stores believed to have been concealed there. The fourth column attacked a schoolhouse used as a barracks.

Villa Was There.

Prisoners taken in the engagement said that they were led by Villa, Mariano Lopez and the subchiefs, Taramora, Murgas and Padilla and that all Villa participated actively in the fighting. The bandit leader on a hill three miles to the northwest, was seen with field glasses by officers of the Carranza army. The prisoners added that when the attack was made they were being pursued to the southeast by government troops under Gen. Rufino Vargas and Gen. Carranza. Neither of these commands participated in the battle, however.

Government cavalry are pursuing the fleeing bandits to the northwest into the Santa Clara military district, but thus far no reports have been received here from Gen. Mattias Ramos in command.

Numbers of residents of Chihuahua City were arrested and taken to the city before the attack. Villa's raid while martial law was proclaimed throughout the state. This action followed the discovery that during the attack numbers of residents, among them unarmored revolutionists, had been sniping from their windows and that others had provided information to the bandits. Gen. Jacinto Trevino also issued orders that any other than the militia on the streets after 10 o'clock at night shall be shot.

AMBULANCE CORPS PASSES ITS TEST

ONLY OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION AWAITS BEFORE LOCAL BOYS LEAVE FOR BORDER.

Four Officials Asked to Allow Troops to Mobilize on the Fairgrounds.

Word was received in Tulsa yesterday by those commanding the ambulance corps which has been recruited in this city and which also has been inspected by a representative of the inspector-general's office, that upon the arrival of the report of the inspection at Washington in the office of the chief of militia affairs, the local unit would be expected to hold itself in readiness for orders to move immediately for the Mexican border where it will go into service.

Later in the day word was received by Colonel Dillard from Adjutant-General Ansel Elzer that he had been informed by the department that the ambulance corps will proceed the inspection with flying colors and that only the official notification was awaited before the unit would be mustered into the national service.

The ambulance corps was inspected last Friday evening by a representative of the war department, and while no official statement was made at the time it was understood that a very favorable impression had been made upon the inspecting officer and that there was no question but that the unit would be received into the national service. It is probable that the company will embark within the week for Fort Bliss to receive equipment, then to the border.

Yesterday afternoon Captain Leary asked permission from the officers of the Tulsa County Fair association to use the larger building as the fairgrounds for barracks for his men and the large open court for drill grounds. The directors of the association are considering the request, and unless the unit is ordered to muster in the service at once, it is probable that the request will be granted.

DRAWING CLOSER ABOUT BLACKMAILERS

Detectives Claim to Have Uncovered Much More Incriminating Evidence.

WOMEN AS BAIT LED MEN ASTRAY

Seven Are Under Arrest for Operating a Nation-Wide Plot to Blackmail.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—While federal authorities here prepared tonight to arraign the preliminary hearing to seven members of an alleged blackmail gang who used the Miami as their chief weapon, detectives fortified with information obtained from two alleged members of the gang, who confessed, made arrests in other cities and spread a dragnet for H. C. Woodward, sought as director-in-chief of the syndicate.

Hinton C. Clabaugh of the United States department of justice declared tonight he had obtained sufficient evidence to convict the gang without exposing the names of some of their wealthy victims. It was understood that none of the names of the victims would be laid at the preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner tomorrow. Those victims, principally wealthy men whose filthiness and greed women led them into traps from which they escaped only on payment of large sums, will be shielded from publicity except as a last resort, it is said.

The evidence obtained in two cases already revealed, authorities said, together with a mass of incriminating evidence found in the raid on the apartment where the eight were arrested, will be presented to the federal commissioner.

Arrest One in New York.

Developments in the case reported to Clabaugh today included the arrest at New York of Frank Crocker, alleged former member of the gang, who is said to have confessed to a part in the swindling of the Regina Klipper of Philadelphia and the arrest at Philadelphia of William Butler, held there in connection with an alleged blackmail plot against the late Mrs. Susan G. S. Whinnery.

Clabaugh also revealed today the source of the immediate information that led to the raid. He said that "Dick" Barrett and Edward J. Thompson, two members of the syndicate, had confessed. They probably would be given immunity. Their revelations, said Clabaugh, were replete with stories of shrewd blackmail, new and clever ruse track swindles and other crimes of which members of the gang, beautiful women and debonair handsome men lured their victims.

May Seek Bond.

The seven under arrest here, four men and three women, may seek their release on bond, it was said tonight by Charles E. Kristien, their counsel. The bonds total approximately \$100,000.

The men refused to talk today, but the women recounted the charges. Mrs. Helen Evers, said by federal authorities to have been used as the "lure" in the Mann act cases, stamped her foot and said there was not a word of truth in the charges.

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COMMON FARM TRACTOR MADE IN U. S. A. BEAT GERMAN AS "TANK DEATHS."

We Use Them for Plowing Weeds in This Country; Germans Have Different Kind.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The "tanks," the armored motor cars used in recent assaults on German trenches in northern France, are successfully as to attract worldwide attention, were built for the most part in Persia. In the form of steam-powered tractors designed many years before the war began to meet some of the difficult problems of modern farming, M. M. Baker, vice-president of a manufacturing company, said here today.

"We have sold about a thousand caterpillar tractors to the British government. We have had nothing to do with putting armor on them or placing machine guns, however."

"Germany had some of these tractors before the war and although I do not understand just how it occurred, I believe they may have gotten others since then."

Mr. Baker said he did not know how many of the one thousand tractors sent to England had been armored and put in service.

"It is true," said Mr. Baker, "that these tractors can go ahead over almost anything or through almost anything. They can straddle a trench, go through a swamp, pull over logs or climb through shell craters like a car of Juggernaut. It looks unbecomingly like a huge caterpillar. In a thick forest, if they encountered trees they could not brush out of their way, they could easily be used to uproot them and clear their own path."

700,000 MEN READY TO WALK OUT ON STRIKE

General Call for a Walkout Will Be Issued Today, According to Unions.

HEAD OF COMPANY DECLINES TO TALK

Mayor Mitchell's Attempt to Reach an Agreement With Strikers Fails.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Unless negotiations that are being conducted by Mayor Mitchell are terminated successfully by Thursday a strike of approximately 700,000 trades unionists will be called, leaders of the striking trades declared after a conference held today.

The United Hebrew Trades, representing a membership of two hundred thousand organized workers, tonight voted to go on a sympathetic strike as an aid to the striking garment workers, who are called upon to do so by the Central Federated union.

Failure of negotiations being conducted by Mayor Mitchell to provide a basis of settlement of the traction strike in this city, will result in a strike on Thursday of a sympathetic strike of approximately seven hundred thousand workers, union leaders declared after a conference held today between representatives of several crafts.

The vote was taken at a meeting of delegates said to represent every craft in the United States, including the garment industries in which many women are employed. Arrangements were made to notify the membership of two hundred thousand to be ready to answer a strike call at any time.

The call will be issued, it was stated, to all unions affiliated with the Central Federated union of New York, the Central Labor union of Brooklyn and the Federated union of the Bronx, Westchester and York. Some of the unions already have authorized a strike, union leaders said, and the confederations are in progress in others.

Refuses to Arbitrate.

Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company and the New York Railways company, late today issued a statement in which he said that the company would refuse to confer further with the strikers. This announcement was made after Mr. Shonts had been informed that Mayor Mitchell had agreed to act with Oscar Strauss, chairman of the public service commission, in an attempt to bring the strikers and companies together.

Mayor Mitchell announced tonight that he had asked the citizens committee of the chamber of commerce and representatives of the Merchants association to meet with him

ENTENTE GAINING IN SOMME VALLEY

Artillery, as Before, Is Playing Its Part in the Greatest of Wars.

RUSSIANS ARE SILENT

Turks Claim Successes in Part of the Line They Are Attacking.

A LONG one-mile front the British advanced another thousand yards and have captured a German fortified work which previously had resisted all their efforts. This operation is characterized by General Haig, the British commander, as important and highly successful. It is indicative of the intention of the British commander to force the battle along the Somme front without cessation.

The new advance being continued of the powerful movement undertaken by the British and French on Friday last.

Both north and south of the Somme river in France the British and French troops at various points are keeping up their vigorous offensive against the Germans and have achieved further successes and put down strong German counter-attacks.

South of Comble the French have taken additional territory, strengthening their investment of the little town which now is the British village of Denicourt, south of the river, the Germans have been driven back southward about two-thirds of a mile toward Abbeville. South of Denicourt a German trench to the west of Ivergny has been captured.

French artillery fighting is still in progress in the sectors of the Peronne-Bapaume road recently captured by the French. During Sunday and Monday more than 1,500 Germans were taken prisoner by the French in the Denicourt sector.

There is considerable artillery activity in the Champagne region. On Monday more than 1,500 Germans have captured a trench on the southern slope of the famous Deadman hill.

Italy's Retreat.

To stem the tide of the advance of the army of the central powers in the Debdrad region of Romania, the Rumanians and Russians have each retired and definitely drawn their battle line. This extends along the front of Racheva-Tropadiu-Tubia, running from the Black sea to the Danube just south of the ancient double mountains known as Trajan's wall, which begins at Constantza on the sea and runs westward to the river. Both Sofia and Berlin report fresh advances in this region while in Transylvania the Rumanians are reported to be continuing their progress against the Teutonic allies.

Petrograd is silent with regard to the new large offensive started by the Russians from the Pripiat marsh region and down into the Carpathians, but Berlin says the Germans turned to the attack along the Naraykova river in Galicia, regained a greater portion of the territory lost to the Russians Saturday, inflicted heavy casualties on the Russians and took 3,500 prisoners. In the Carpathians along the Zlota Lipa river between the Sereth and the Stripa rivers and to the west of Lutsk, Russian attacks were repulsed with heavy losses.

French Take Town.

In Macedonia the French troops have captured the town of Florina, Greece, from the Bulgarians, who are reported by Paris to be retreating in disorder northwest in the direction of Monastir. In the Lake Ohrovo region and near Cerna the Serbians have gained additional ground. On the Dorian front where the British are engaged only artillery engagements have taken place.

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Dressed in their Sunday "best" with hands scoured, they came—some alone, some with playmates, some with mothers or fathers.

Awaiting to receive them were 250 teachers, a mighty organization of educators. Some idea of comparison may be had by the fact that only 160 teachers opened the schools last year. At the end of the year it was barely over two hundred.

At the close of the first day of school last year there were 4,500 pupils enrolled in the white schools and 1,500 in the colored schools. The total enrollment during the year, including those who dropped out, was 7,500.

Yesterday's enrollment probably is larger than ever before in the history of the system. This applies to actual enrollment of students who are attending school at any one time and does not include total yearly enrollment.

The high school received 632 students yesterday, including one junior high school at the Washington school. Of these 282 are boys and 350 girls. On the opening day of last year 453 students enrolled. Principal Katz said last night that he did not know where the thing would end.

"I believe we will have 700 students in high school before the end of the month," said Mr. Katz.

The Washington school registered the greatest jump in enrollment yesterday. The school, situated among the hundreds of bungalows and small houses of the east side, was overwhelmed with children of all ages.

Washington Is Taxed.

At a late hour last night authorities had not completed their report. It is understood, however, that 800 children reported yesterday who have never been in a Tulsa school before. The four new buildings which were established during the summer were entirely inadequate. It is probable that the Washington school unless relieved, will be the largest in the city.

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Dressed in their Sunday "best" with hands scoured, they came—some alone, some with playmates, some with mothers or fathers.

Awaiting to receive them were 250 teachers, a mighty organization of educators. Some idea of comparison may be had by the fact that only 160 teachers opened the schools last year. At the end of the year it was barely over two hundred.

At the close of the first day of school last year there were 4,500 pupils enrolled in the white schools and 1,500 in the colored schools. The total enrollment during the year, including those who dropped out, was 7,500.

Yesterday's enrollment probably is larger than ever before in the history of the system. This applies to actual enrollment of students who are attending school at any one time and does not include total yearly enrollment.

The high school received 632 students yesterday, including one junior high school at the Washington school. Of these 282 are boys and 350 girls. On the opening day of last year 453 students enrolled. Principal Katz said last night that he did not know where the thing would end.

"I believe we will have 700 students in high school before the end of the month," said Mr. Katz.

The Washington school registered the greatest jump in enrollment yesterday. The school, situated among the hundreds of bungalows and small houses of the east side, was overwhelmed with children of all ages.

Washington Is Taxed.

At a late hour last night authorities had not completed their report. It is understood, however, that 800 children reported yesterday who have never been in a Tulsa school before. The four new buildings which were established during the summer were entirely inadequate. It is probable that the Washington school unless relieved, will be the largest in the city.

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